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MR. HORATIO GAY JAMES was

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GEO. R. STEVENS & CO.

Hongkong, January 5, 1878.

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THE Business hitherto conducted in my

name will from this Date be Carried

on under the Style of GROSSMANN & CO., Mr. G. A. GROSSMANN having

become a Partner therewith.

C. F. GROSSMANN.

Hongkong, January 1, 1878.

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authorized to Sign our Firm by

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Canton, Hongkong, Shanghai,

January 1, 1878.

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NOTICE.

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Hongkong, January 1, 1878.

NOTICE.

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Hongkong, December 31, 1877.

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Hongkong, January 14, 1878. ja16

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Hongkong, January 14, 1878. ja17

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Hongkong, January 14, 1878. ja17

S. S. EMERALDA, FROM MANILA.

CONSIGNERS of Cargo per above.

Steamers are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk in the Godowns of the Under-signed.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Goods remaining in store after the 16th Instant will be subject to rent.

J. Y. V. SHAW.

Agent.

Hongkong, January 14, 1878. ja18

HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

COMMENCING TO-DAY, the Macao Steamer will leave Hongkong at 2 p.m., and Macao at 8 a.m.

By Order,

P. A. DA COSTA,

Secretary.

Hongkong, January 14, 1878. ja17

NOTICE.

OFFICE OF THE YANGTSE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

SHANGHAI, January 7th, 1878.

IN Accordance with a Resolution passed at the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of July 5th, 1877, the Directors have declared a Dividend to Shareholders of Tael 45 50 per Share for the fiscal Year ending the 30th September, 1877, and a further Dividend of Tael 10 50 per Share, being interest on Shareholders' Capital at the Rate of 12 per cent. per Annum, for the quarter ending December, 1877.

The above Dividends (Tael 60 per Share) will be Payable on the 16th Instant, at the Office of the Secretaries to Shareholders of record on the 10th Instant.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Association will be CLOSED from the 10th to the 16th Instant, inclusive.

Persons collecting Dividends for absent Shareholders are requested to exhibit their Powers of Attorney for registry at this Office.

By Order of the Directors,

RUSSELL & Co.,

Secretaries.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay at Hongkong Harbour.—

FORMOSA, German 8-m. schooner, Capt. Christian—Melchers & Co.

ANNIE S. HALL, American barque, Capt. H. Nelson.—Captain.

BIRKEN, British ship, Captain W. Reynolds.—Order.

GLENATON, British barque, Capt. Lang.—Chinese.

VESTA, German barque, Capt. R. Dirks.—Melchers & Co.

R. C. BROWNS, German ship, Captain R. O. Scott.—Wm. Pustau & Co.

PRAXTON, British barque, Captain H. D. W. Schulz—Wieder & Co.

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ADELINE & MARIANNE, German barque, Captain C. N. Dahl.—Wm. Pustau & Co.

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QUICKERZER, American barque, Captain Barnaby.—Captain.

TARTAR, German brig, Captain Kaemena.—Melchers & Co.

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FROM LONDON AND PORTS OF CALL.

THE S. S. Cyphene having arrived,

Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk and stored in the Godowns of the Under-signed, whence and/or from the Wharf or Boat delivery may be obtained.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 21st instant will be subject to rent.

Optional Cargo will be sent out to Shanghai, unless notice to the contrary is given by 4 p.m. to-day.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,

Agents, S. S. Cyphene.

Hongkong, January 14, 1878. ja18

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Jan. 13, Yangtze, British steamer, 763, E. Schultz, Chinkiang Jan. 8, and Woosung 9, Rice and General.—SIEMSEN & Co.

Jan. 13, Faugh-a-Balagh, German barque, 240, Riste, Man-tong Dec. 26, Salt—Carlowitz & Co.

Jan. 13, Esmeralda, British steamer, 385, Cullen, Macao Jan. 11, General.—J. Y. V. Shaw.

Jan. 13, H. M. S. Vigilant, from Macao.

Jan. 16, Tching Tung, Chinese R. C., from a cruise.

Jan. 18, Ambo, British steamer, 973, Brown, Wuh D. 30, Chinkiang Jan. 6, and Woosung 10, Rice.—Mixer & Co.

Jan. 14, 2 a.m., Geelong, British steamer, 1125, C. Fraser, Shanghai Jan. 11, 4 a.m., Mails and General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

Jan. 14, Cyphene, British steamer, 1230, Wood, London Nov. 18, via ports of call, and Singapore Jan. 8, General.—GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

Jan. 14, Montara, British schooner, 74, Ravndale, Pellew Islands Jan. 3, Bechdel—ORDER.

Wednesday, 16th Instant.—

5 p.m., Money Order Office closes.

6 p.m., Post Office closes except the NIGHT BOX, which remains open all night.

Thursday, 17th Instant.—

7 a.m., Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.

10.15 a.m., Letters may be posted with LATE FEE of 18 cents extra Postage till

11 a.m., when the Post Office Closes entirely.

11.30 a.m., Letters (but Letters only) addressed to the United Kingdom via Brindisi, or to Singapore, may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 48 cents extra postage, till

11.50 a.m., when the Mail is finally closed.

Hongkong, January 7, 1878. ja17

MAILS BY THE ENGLISH PACKET.

The English Contract Packet GELONG will be despatched with the Mails for Europe, &c., on THURSDAY, the 17th instant.

The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.,

Wednesday, 16th Instant.—

5 p.m., Money Order Office closes.

6 p.m., Post Office closes except the NIGHT BOX, which remains open all night.

Thursday, 17th Instant.—

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11.50 a.m., when the Mail is finally closed.

Hongkong, January 7, 1878. ja17

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.

The United States Mail Packet CITY OF Peking will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 18th instant, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, and the United States, which will be closed as follows:—

11 a.m. Registry of Letters ceases.

11.30 a.m. Post Office closes, but Letters (except for Non-Union Countries) may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 18 cents extra Postage until the time of departure.

Correspondence for Non-Union West Indies (except the Bahama and Hayti), Costa Rica, Honduras, Monte Video, New Granada, Paraguay, and Uruguay can no longer be sent by this route.

Hongkong, January 12, 1878. ja19

NOTICE.

Cleared.

Thoon Kramon, for Bangkok.

Conquest, for Hoihow.

Alexandria, for Chefoo.

ARRIVED.

Per Geelong, from Shanghai: for Hongkong, Messrs. W. M. Osborne, J. M. Davies, J. S. Taylor, G. B. Young, Mrs. Glover, Mrs. G. Goetz, Miss S. Price, and Mr. J. K. Scott, and 36 Chinese for Southampton, Capt. Paynter; for London, 1 Distressed British Seaman.

Per Cyphene, from London, port of call and Singapore for Hongkong, Capt. Graham.

Per H. M. S. Vigilant, from Singapore, Capt. H. G. H. Palmer.

Per Malacca, from Yokohama, Mrs. Hartley, Mrs. Emslie, Mr. Roper and two distressed British subjects, and 20 Chinese.

Per Esmeralda, from Manila, 2 Europeans and 280 Chinese.

Per Cassandra, from Saigon, 41 Chinese.

Per Albatross, from Haiphong and Hoihow, 28 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per Dottig, for Amoy, Mr. and Mrs. Wardlaw, Messrs. Plein, Clayton, Saunders, A. K. and D. C. Travers, Coker, Hughes, Williamson, Rickard, Rashleigh, Gray, and Hynes for Foochow, Messrs. W. S. Young and McGregor.

Per Persia, for Honolulu and Pari, Messrs. H. Seymour Geary and D. Appleton.

Per Foy-ii, for Shanghai, 1 Cabin, and 14 Chinese.

Per Emoy, for Mania, 184 Chinese.

Per Chefoo, for Shanghai, 2 Europeans and Sundry Chinese.

Per Creswell, for Bangkok, 20 Chinese.

Per Emma, for Amoy, 4 Chinese.

Per Tintern Abbey, for Saigon, 20 Chinese.

The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.,

Wednesday, 23rd Inst.—

5 p.m., Money Order Office closes.

Post Office closes except the NIGHT BOX, which remains open all night.

Thursday, 24th Inst.—

7 a.m., Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.

10 a.m., Registry of Letters ceases.

11 a.m., Post Office closes except for Late Letters.

Hongkong, January 10, 1878. ja20

PASSENGERS.
Per Stentor, for Shanghai, 1 European.
Per Pearl, for Swatow, 90 Chinese.
Per Nelson, for Singapore, 201 Chinese.
Per Esmeralda, for Amoy, 280 Chinese.
Per Hoihow, for Amoy, &c., 100 Chinese.

To DEPART.

Per Thoon Kramon, for Bangkok, 3 Chinese.

Per Conquest, for Hoihow, 60 Chinese.

Per Alexandria, for Chefoo, 1 European.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer Yangtze reports:

Strong monsoon throughout the passage.

Passed U. S. S. Ranger off Hainan Point, and French Mail steamer of Breaker Point.

THE A. D. C. AT THE CITY HALL.
The Amateur Dramatic Club gave a performance in the Theatre, City Hall, on Saturday night, which, as is usual on such occasions, was numerously and fashionably attended. H. E. Mr. Pope Hennessy, and Mrs. Hennessy, accompanied by Admiral Veron, were present; and the curtain rose, as notified, at 9 o'clock sharp.

The comedietta "Nine Points of the Law" (by Tom Taylor) is a pleasant and sparkling little piece well suited for Amateurs; and with the strong cast made for the present occasion there could be only one opinion of its success. Almost every one of the actors were veterans, and the result proved that they are equal to even greater things than they have yet attempted. As for the "Nine Points," however, it seemed to go with a smoothness and an absence of all apparent effort or shortcoming which is seldom attained by unprofessional actors. We are glad again to welcome Miss Auld, a lady whose former achievements on the Hongkong boards had already placed her high in the ranks of our local dramatists. Her personation of the good-looking, fair-spoken and wheeling widow (Mrs. Smylie) was a study in female acting which one but seldom meets with amongst amateurs. In her every movement, her every tone, and varying expression, she was a woman, and a widow; and the care with which she observed the minutiae of her part clearly showed that she is not only an able but a painstaking actress. Her get-up was unexceptionable; her acting was, to our mind, perfect. Miss Sybil Gray, who played the part of the widow's niece (Katie Mapleton), looked well, and seemed considerably at her ease; while she ought to improve even upon this creditable first appearance by the example of such acting as that of the talented widow. Sarah Jane (Miss Ada Cavendish) was as well-dressed and well-behaved a village school-girl as any one could wish to see. Joseph Ironside was the part taken by Mr. Hooley; and to those conversant with the Hongkong stage for the last dozen years, this statement would be sufficient, for he has played many parts and always played them well. But his role of Saturday was one which suited him admirably, or, which is better, was made to appear to do so. He was the gruff, old, honest Lancashire cotton-spinner all over; and the way in which he got "wheelied" in spite of himself, in the scene with the fascinating widow, and the manner in which he met Rollington's blustering, were excellent illustrations of this actor's mellowed power and matured facility. One of the characteristics of Mr. Hawkins, who is also a local veteran, in the general excellence of his "make-up," and his appearance as Cunningham, the attorney, was no exception to this rule. He also acted with great spirit and tumbled over into the meshes prepared for him by the widow in the most headlong and unprofessional manner imaginable. Mr. Sydenham, who has apparently grown out of his former specialty, appeared on this occasion as the brisk young lawyer and lover (John Britton), and a very capable young attorney and taking lover he turned out to be. Redmont Rollington, the unamiable character of the piece, was taken by Mr. MacLachlan; and it must be said that this mercenary, scheming, blustering, love-making adventurer could not well have been better personated than he was on this occasion. The unpopular part was made very unpopular; while the reality of the acting was applauded, as it deserved. There was, as we have said, scarcely a sign of weakness all through the piece; and we think it was an undoubted success.

Sybil's "Boots at the Swan" is not a brilliant farce, although, in the hands of the A.D.C., it was productive of some able and smart acting and of great fun. Mr. Trabz as Jacob Earwig ("The Boots") was all that could be expected from that actor's originality and the role he had to fill. Mr. Trabz stands first, we should say, in low comedy in these parts, and there are few on any amateur stage who devote themselves with such care and natural ability to making the most of a part assigned to them. His get-up was capital, and his loquacity and free-and-easy perfect, as was fully shown by the hearty bursts of merriment which followed his rendering all through. When he turned himself into an amateur "bobby," and allowed the joke to develop into a reality that he became drunk and nearly incapable, his acting was admirable. But there was no very great point in the piece; and the subject matter seemed to be rather beneath the actor's powers. Mr. Henry Higgins was played by Mr. Higgins; he was nearly bored to death by Boots, and being in troubled love, he looked so throughout the part. Mr. Plover, with Mr. Trabz, did much to give life and soul to the farce, and he is a decided acquisition to the Club. It is a personation of Frank Frisby was brisk, spirited and vigorous; and we shall look forward with pleasure to a reappearance of this dashing cavalry officer. Mr. Maurice was Peter Pippin, a somewhat insignificant though rather difficult part; his chief busi-

ness was to steal jam when he could and wine when he was caught, and this he did well. The female characters were undertaken by the same actresses whose names we have already given, viz., Miss Auld (Cecilia Moonshine), Miss Sybil Gray (Emily Trevor), and Miss Ada Cavendish (Sally Smith). Miss Moonshine's romantic style was capital hit, and the elation she displayed while producing her tragedy which would beat Shakespeare was highly amusing. Her poetical soarnings, however, were rudely shaken by Frank Frisby who breaks into her presence as an escaped convict hit down, and hoochicks her. Indeed, the whole piece is severely ironical, and contains a suggestive moral on the subject of ill-judged sentimentalism and ignorant romanticism. The other parts were well sustained.

As a friend remarked at the close of the performance, "You cannot say too much in praise of the *Atalante's* Band;" and it must be freely admitted that the musical treat afforded by the courtesy of Admiral Veron was one not frequently to be met with. The Band of the French flagship, as we had mentioned, is one of the best naval bands we ever heard; and the appreciation of the Hongkong public was fully shown by the hearty applause which followed every selection which it played. Unfortunately many of the audience lost the last selection (the famous "Retraite"), as they left the theatre when the curtain fell.

SUPREME COURT.
IN CRIMINAL SESSIONS.
(Before His Honor Mr. Justice SNOWDEN,
with a Special Jury.)
Jan. 14, 1878.

A SPECIAL SESSIONS.
THE "YESO" EXPLOSION CASE.
Theodore Bernard, Chief Engineer, and Wm. H. King, the 3rd Engineer, of the British steamer *Yeso*, were arraigned on two counts of manslaughter in causing the death of one Tsang Asam and one Mohamed Eap, on the 22nd November last by the explosion of the starboard boiler of the steamer.

The Attorney General, the Hon. G. Phillippe, instructed by the Crown Solicitor, Mr. Sharp, appeared for the prosecution.

Mr. Hayllar, Q. C., instructed by Mr. Exerton, appeared for the first prisoner; and Mr. Francis, instructed by Mr. Denny, appeared for the second prisoner.

The following special Jury was empannelled: Messrs. H. B. Gibb, Thos. Pin, W. Wilson, A. G. McG. Heaton, J. H. Remedios, W. R. Landstein, and D. Rutjune.

The case was resumed to-day.

His Lordship then summed up the case, and said that it was his duty now to sum up the case to the Jury which was of some importance not only to the prisoners themselves, but to the public at large in a place abounding with shipping like this, and where there was an absence of any Government inspection. No doubt a Government inspection was very important and should be adopted here; at the same time its absence would not relieve the prisoners of their responsibility. On the contrary, they undertook certain duties and they must exercise care and still in the discharge of them. In the course of this case, he had heard the remark that the prisoners had risked their own lives, and such a plea was often heard in cases of this kind, but persons who handled such dangerous weapons like machinery, seeing their comparative immunity from danger, would risk a good deal. His Lordship then explained the indictments and the crime of manslaughter.

He laid it down that a duty was imposed by law on persons who undertook the management of engines and machinery that they should perform their duties with a certain amount of skill and with attention to see that the engines and machinery should be kept in proper working order, so that they might not be rendered dangerous to public life. His Lordship then quoted authorities on manslaughter arising from culpable negligence. In this case the neglect charged extended over a long time, and the question for the Jury to consider was whether there was a general neglect of duty, and in illustration of the doctrine of law in such a case, his Lordship cited the case of the *Fenge* Murder, where the neglect to supply the deceased with food extended over a long period, and the prisoners, as they all knew, were convicted.

His Lordship then gave the principal facts of the present case, reading from the evidence to shew the respective duties of the two prisoners. In the course of his comments, his Lordship observed that the question was whether the prisoners knew the state of the boilers, and whether it was not their duty to have found out that state. As to the weighing of the safety valve, it was not very material if the prisoners had proper knowledge of the boilers. The prisoners did not know this kind of boiler, which they expected to be the same as the former ones of the *Yeso*, with longitudinal stays; but their ignorance arose through inexperience more than anything else.

At the conclusion, his Lordship said that the duty of the Jury was first to find out, in regard to the 1st prisoner, what was his duty and what was the meaning of the word "superintendence"—whether it meant the mere glancing at the machinery and engines to see that they were in working order, or was it his duty to have made a personal examination of the boilers. He had found the stays corroded five months ago, it was then his duty to have made a careful examination. If he ought to do so, they should then find him guilty of culpable omission of duty.

As to the second prisoner, he admitted in his own evidence that he knew the gusset stays to be corroded and that he reported this to the 2nd engineer. The question was whether he ought not to have reported to the Chief Engineer, and this omission Mr. Francis contended was only an error of judgment, who likewise submitted that the miscalculation of the strength of the plate from the condition of the stays was also an error of judgment. But it was for the Jury to find whether this was error of judgment or culpable negligence.

His Lordship should not think any omission on the score of etiquette or sentiment of being scolded was an excuse. However, Mr. Russell committed both defendants to prison.

CHARGE OF THEFT AGAINST THE CHIEF MATE AND STEVEDORE OF THE SIAMESE BARQUE "THOON KRAMMON."

Julius Meyer, chief mate of the Siamese barque *Thoon Krammon* and Leung Akuai, stevedore, were charged by Police Sergeant Grant (No. 12) at the instance of several Chinese traders, the first with stealing 6 lbs. red beans, 10 lbs. black beans and 16 lbs. dried lillies, being part of cargo of the *Thoon Krammon* and the property of Wah Awing a trader residing at Bonham Strand and others. The second defendant was charged with receiving the same well knowing it to have been stolen. The evidence went to show that there was a total short delivery of about 83 lbs. of beans the value of which was black beans \$2.80 per pound and red beans \$2.40 and about 16 lbs. of dried lillies valued at \$9 per pound. The owners of the cargo had given a clean receipt on the Bill of Lading, as the first defendant declared, they had received all that was in the ship, and they now intend to sue the master of the vessel for the value of the amount short delivered. The first defendant said that he took the 16 lbs. of beans, but they were sweeping the hold and he had given them to the second defendant without expecting any reward. The second defendant said that he received them from the mate and was to pay him \$80. Mr. Russell committed both defendants to prison.

ATTEMPTED KIDNAPPING.

Wok Akin and seven others were charged

on remand with unlawfully detaining a girl named Mok Ying, aged 14 years, and Mr. Russell committed them for trial.

On the other hand they had to consider whether or not the accident was caused by undue chemical and mechanical action on a plate which the engineer thought to be good but which turned out to be of inferior quality, and consequently mislead them as to its strength. But in coming to their decision, whatever that might be, whether both prisoners or either of them were guilty or not guilty—they should bear in mind the evidence of Messrs. Gillies, Robb and Turner as to the duties of an engineer.

The Jury then retired at 12.35 p.m. to deliberate on their verdict.

In exactly an hour afterwards his Lordship said the Jury could not agree upon one point; and he had called them to come into Court again.

When they came into Court, the Foreman said the Jurors were in doubt as to what was culpable negligence, and could not agree on that point.

His Lordship said, they must find culpable negligence, otherwise it would be no offence. Culpable negligence was a neglect of personal duty. With regard to the 1st prisoner it consisted in not finding out the state of the boiler and reporting it to the Captain. As to the 2nd prisoner the breach of duty consisted in his not reporting to the Chief Engineer the state of the stays which he had discovered, and which he reported to the 2nd engineer.

After quoting the ruling of Lord Deakin in a case, his Lordship said if the prisoners' negligence contributed to the death of the two men, they were guilty of culpable negligence.

The Jury then retired again, and after the absence of 20 minutes came into Court, and pronounced both prisoners guilty on both counts by a majority of 4 to 3. The foreman said the Jury wished to add that they were unanimous that there were strongly extenuating circumstances owing to the faulty construction of the boilers.

His Lordship said there were then the points of law reserved, and deferred sentence.

Mr. Hayllar and Mr. Francis both applied for bail, which his Lordship granted in the same amount as before.

Police Intelligence.

(Both Magistrates Sitting.)

JAN. 14, 1878.

GAMBLING.

Wong Alo, a hawker, was fined \$5 or 21 days' hard labour for gambling on the Recreation Ground.

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION.

Li Afat and Chan Awan, boatmen, were charged by Chinese Constable No. 201 with being found in possession of a bag of rice of which they could not give a satisfactory account, and were fined 20 shillings or one month's hard labour.

Lo Ayip, a rice pounder, was fined 10 shillings or 21 days' hard labour for being found in unlawful possession of a down-sport.

DRUNK.

William Huit, a seaman unemployed, was charged with the above offence by P. C. White (No. 42). It appears that defendant had been to a public house drinking other people's liquor, and this led to a disturbance. Fined \$2 or 7 days' imprisonment, with hard labour.

Jean Bolet, a seaman belonging to the French barque *Sully*, was fined \$1 or 2 days' imprisonment for being drunk near the Harbour Master's Office.

Robert Duff, a carpenter belonging to the British ship *Glenfern*, was fined 50 cents or one day's imprisonment for being drunk.

Charles Brown, a seaman belonging to the British ship *Broomhall*, was fined 50 cents or one day's imprisonment for being drunk.

James Reid, a seaman unemployed, was fined 50 cents and to pay 10 cents chair-hire or one day's imprisonment for a similar offence.

William Wilson, a seaman belonging to the British ship *Broomhall*, was fined 50 cents and to pay 10 cents chair-hire for a similar offence.

Austin Thompson, a seaman unemployed, was fined 60 cents and to pay 10 cents chair-hire for a similar offence.

The defendant in this case had been receiving support from the poor box, and Mr. May ordered this to be stopped.

LAWCOURT.

Kwok Akin, a hawker, was sent to 4 months' hard labour for stealing a cap from the head of a French seaman.

Yeong Kum San, a fisherman, was sent to 4 months' hard labour for stealing a pocket book from a French seaman.

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PIRATICAL.

Wan Afuk and four others, who were charged on Saturday with aiding and abetting in an act of piracy on the high seas, were again brought up. Sergeant Grant said that the witnesses had all left the Colony early this morning, and as there was no further evidence to connect the prisoners with the offence, Mr. Russell had to discharge them.

Manila.

December 29th, 1877.

Our trade for the last fortnight sums up as follows:—

Imports from 15th to 28th inst.—Hemp

21,988 picas, Cocao-nut Oil 6,502 jars,

Rice 7,440 picas, Sugar 9,401 picas,

Hides 114 picas, Sapawood 1,200 picas.

Exports from 15th to 29th inst.—Hemp

48,856 picas, Indigo 64 picas, Sugar 59,680

picas, Coffee 316 picas, M. O. P. Shell 203

picas, Hides 522 picas, Cigars 5,653 picas,

Rope 118 picas, Sapawood 4,041 picas,

Leaf Tobacco 6,260 picas.

Exchange.—Hongkong (8½) 3 per cent.

Amoy (8½) 2½ per cent. discount.

On Chok Chuan here, who has suspended

payment. His liabilities amount, we under-

stand, to fully 300,000 guilders. Great

speculations in rice which turned out un-

successful were the cause of that occurrence,

wherein most of the mercantile firms there

are concerned, some of them to very con-

siderable amounts."—*Batavia Dagblad*, 17th

December.

On the 3rd December, during a heavy

thunderstorm, a flash of lightning struck a

tobacco storehouse in the Lunadong dis-

trict and set it on fire. In spite of the

heavy rain that was falling, the storehouse,

which was 180 feet long, was burned down

and by the following morning, its contents,

1,230 picas of tobacco, were reduced by



Mails.

Notices to Consignees

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

S. S. SINDH.

NOTICE.

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Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consignees, before To-morrow, the 10th Inst., at Noon, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after WEDNESDAY, the 16th January, 1878, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

H. DU POUHEY,

Agent.

Hongkong, January 9, 1878. ja16

STEAM FOR
Singapore, Penang, Point de Galle,
Aden, Suez, Malta, Brindisi,
Ancona, Venice, Mediterranean
Ports, Southampton,
and London,
Also,
Bombay, Madras, Calcutta, and
Australia.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steam-ship *GEELONG*, Captain ERASER, will leave this on THURSDAY, the 17th January, at Noon.

For further Particulars, apply to
A. LIND, Superintendent,
Hongkong, January 7, 1878. ja17

U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

THROUGH to NEW YORK, via
OVERLAND RAILWAYS, and touching
AT YOKOHAMA, and SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamer *CITY OF PEKING* will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on SATURDAY, the 18th January, at Noon, taking Passengers, and Freight, for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States via Overland Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.

A REDUCTION OF TWENTY PER CENT on regular rates is granted to OFFICERS OF THE ARMY AND NAVY, and MEMBERS OF THE CIVIL and CONSULAR SERVICES in COMMISSION.

Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m., 18th January. Parcel Packages will be received at the office until 5 p.m., same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Colonial Invoices to accompany Overland Cargo should be sent to the Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 3, Fraya Central.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents,
Hongkong, December 31, 1877. ja18

Occidental & Oriental Steam-Ship Company.

TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE,

IN CONNECTION WITH THE ORIENTAL, and

UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING RAILROAD COMPANIES AND ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

THE S. S. "OCEANIC" will be despatched for San Francisco via Yokohama, on FRIDAY, the 1st February, at 3 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers for the United States and Europe.

Connection is made at Yokohama, with Steamers from Shanghai.

Freight will be received on Board until 4 p.m., the 31st January. PARCEL PACKAGES will be received at the Office until 5 p.m., same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

A REDUCTION is made on RETURN PASSENGER TICKETS.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 3, Queen's Road Central.

G. E. EMORY, Agent.

Hongkong, January 4, 1878. ja19

THE CHINESE MAIL.

TERMS OF ADVERTISING IN THE CHINESE MAIL.

TWO cents a character for the first 100 characters, and one cent a character beyond the first 100, for first insertion, and half price for repetitions during the first week. Subsequent weekly insertions will be charged only one half the amount of the first week's charge. Advertisements for half a year and longer will be allowed a deduction of 25 per cent on the total amount, and contracts for more favourable terms can be made.

Efforts have been made to establish Agents for circulating the *Chinese Mail* in all the ports and in the interior of China, all the ports in Japan, in Saigon, Singapore, Penang, Calcutta, Batavia, Manila, the Philippines, Australia, San Francisco, Peru and other places which Chinese frequent. When the list of Agents is completed, it will be published. Agents have been already established in most of the above places, and in important ports more than one agent has been appointed at each.

CHUN AYIN,
Manager,
Hongkong, February 20, 1878.

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GERMAN STEAMER *GALATEA*, BÜHNE, Master, FROM HAMBURG, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

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Consignees wishing to take delivery of their Goods from the Boats alongside the Wharf are at liberty to do so.

Goods remaining in store after the 17th Instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless written notice to the contrary is given within To-morrow, the 11th Inst., at 11 a.m. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by each, the remaining third being carried to Reserve Fund.

W. M. PUSTAU & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, January 10, 1878. ja17

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per Norwegian Bark *VEGA*, NORDBYRD, Master, from HAMBURG, are requested to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside the Vessel.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by W. M. PUSTAU & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, April 17, 1878. col

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

(LIMITED.)

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OLYPHANT & Co.,

General Agents.

Hongkong, April 17, 1878.

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W. M. PUSTAU & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, October 27, 1874.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

IN LIQUIDATION.

NOTICE.

A SECOND RETURN of CAPITAL at the Rate of FIVE TAELS per SHARE will be made to Shareholders of record on the 1st October, Payable at the Office of the Liquidators, on the 8th Inst.

Warrants will be delivered by the Undersigned to Shareholders or their lawful representatives on presentation of Share Certificates for Endorsement.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 2nd to the 8th Instant, inclusive.

By Order,

W. M. PUSTAU & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, July 6, 1875.

SHEONG ON FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL ONE MILLION DOLLARS.

Directors.

KWOK ACHEONG, Merchant.

PANG YIM, Merchant.

HO SAM, of Hop Yik Chan, Merchant.

LEE SING, of Lee Hing Firm, Merchant.

CHUNG-SING YEONG, Merchant.

CHOT CHAN, Merchant.

Manager—HO AMEL.

CONSIGNEES at all the Treaty Ports of China and Japan, and at Singapore, Saigon and Penang.

Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance granted at the rates of Premium current at the above mentioned Ports.

NO CHARGE FOR POLICY FEES.

JAS. B. COUGHTRE,

Secretary.

Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE.)

NOTICE.

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H. H. AMEL.

Hongkong, August 23, 1877. au23

THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER.

of

His Majesty King George The First,

A. D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation are prepared to grant Insurance as follows—

Marine Department.

Policies at current rates payable either here, in London or at the principal Ports of India, China and Australia.

Fire Department.

Policies issued for long or short periods at current rates. A discount of 20% allowed.

Life Department.

Policies issued for sums not exceeding £5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, July 26, 1872.

MANCHESTER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

AND LONDON.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of £45,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored therein, at current local rates, subject to a Discount of 20% on the Premium.

Agents for the above Company at Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai and Hankow, and are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.

NOBTON & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, January 1, 1878.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

NOTICE.</